

HOUSE BILL 3829

By Hensley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5;
Title 6; Title 8 and Title 49, relative to tuition
discounts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

5-1-129.

(a)

(1) Every child in Tennessee under twenty-four (24) years of age whose parent is an employee of any county or whose parent died while employed or was killed on the job or in the line of duty while an employee of the county shall receive a twenty-five-percent reduction in the tuition at any state-operated area technical vocational school or institution of higher learning.

(2) Every child in Tennessee under twenty-four (24) years of age whose parent is a retired employee of any county who retired after a minimum of twenty-five (25) years of creditable service shall receive a twenty-five-percent reduction in the tuition at any state-operated area technical vocational school or institution of higher learning.

(b) The Tennessee higher education commission is hereby directed, authorized, and empowered to promulgate and adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary to implement this section. Such rules and regulations are subject to approval by the department of human resources.

(c) Any reimbursements to a state-operated institution of higher learning for the tuition discounts provided by this section shall be limited to those funds specifically appropriated for that purpose in the general appropriations act. Such reimbursement shall be limited to providing for the discount on tuition provided for in this section.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6, is amended by adding the following as a new chapter 60:

6-60-101.

(a)

(1) Every child in Tennessee under twenty-four (24) years of age whose parent is an employee of any municipality or whose parent died while employed or was killed on the job or in the line of duty while an employee of the municipality shall receive a twenty-five percent (25%) reduction in the tuition at any state-operated area technical vocational school or institution of higher learning.

(2) Every child in Tennessee under twenty-four (24) years of age whose parent is a retired employee of any municipality who retired after a minimum of twenty-five (25) years of creditable service shall receive a twenty-five-percent reduction in the tuition at any state-operated area technical vocational school or institution of higher learning.

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SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-119(a), is amended by deleting the language "full-time" wherever it appears.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-119(a), is further amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and by adding the following as a new subdivision (2):

(2) Every child in Tennessee under twenty-four (24) years of age whose parent is a retired certified teacher in any public school in Tennessee or is a retired technology coordinator in any LEA in Tennessee who retired after a minimum of twenty-five (25) years of creditable service shall receive a twenty-five-percent reduction in the tuition at any state-operated area technical vocational school or institution of higher learning.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.